
45 C.F.R. § 641.16

Preparation of environmental documents, generally.

(a) *Preparation of an environmental document.* If the responsible official determines, either initially or on the basis of a preliminary environmental review, that a proposed action may have at least a minor or transitory impact on the Antarctic environment, he will prepare an environmental document in accordance with the provisions of this part. In making this determination, the responsible official should consider whether and to what degree the proposed action:

- (1) Has the potential to adversely affect the Antarctic environment;
- (2) May adversely affect climate and weather patterns;
- (3) May adversely affect air or water quality;
- (4) May affect atmospheric, terrestrial (including aquatic), glacial or marine environments;
- (5) May detrimentally affect the distribution, abundance or productivity or species, or populations of species of fauna and flora;
- (6) May further jeopardize endangered or threatened species or populations of such species;
- (7) May degrade, or pose substantial risk to, areas of biological, scientific, historic, aesthetic or wilderness significance;
- (8) Has highly uncertain environmental effects, or involves unique or unknown environmental risks; or

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